

Castro Killing

Try 'Admitted'

Former U.S. Navy
Flyer Quoted
As Confessing

HAVANA —(UPI)— Local newspapers yesterday quoted a police statement saying Edward Allayn Nye, former U.S. navy flyer of Chicago and Coral Gables, Fla., "confessed" that he came to Cuba to assassinate rebel leader Fidel Castro under a deal with ousted Dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The quoted police statement was not distributed to news agencies and every effort to contact Nye for a confirmation or denial ran against the refusal of revolutionary police and army authorities to disclose his whereabouts.

The statement said Nye had confessed that he was to have received \$100,000 if he succeeded in killing Castro, under a deal arranged in Miami through a Cuban intermediary.

Guest of Batistans

The alleged confession also quoted Nye as saying he arrived in Havana Nov. 12 and was a guest of the Batista government at the swank Hotel Comodoro between Dec. 1 and Dec. 19, under the alias of George Collis.

It said that all of Nye's expenses were paid by Brig. Gen. Carlos Tabernilla and Police Col. Orlando Piedra. It quoted rebel police investigators Capt. Ramon Morto and Capt. Herberto Matoros as saying Nye told them he left Havana for Oriente province to enlist in the rebel army as the first step in the assassination plot.

The alleged confession said further that Nye landed in Bayamo, Oriente, Dec. 20, from a Cuban air force plane and joined

Tells of Plot



Edward Allayn Nye
Gun for hire

the rebel army the following day. On Dec. 25, the "confession" said, Nye was "intercepted" by two rebel soldiers who disarmed him of a telescopic sight rifle and a .38 caliber automatic pistol.

The reported confession also quoted Nye as saying his Cuban contact in Miami was Daniel Vazquez, an exiled pilot married to Cuban actress Marisol Alba who previously had been denounced as a Batista spy in Miami.

Promised Co-operation

The published police statement ended by quoting Nye as saying: "Batista surely must hope by this time that I was dead. I want to co-operate with revolutionary authorities to clear this matter up. But it must be done slowly so that it will be done well."

American newsmen were unsuccessful in a three-hour effort to locate Nye and it appeared revolutionary authorities were holding him incommunicado.